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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS: DATES OF NEXT SESSION

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1. AT 1100 HOURS TODAY (0700 WASHINGTON TIME) I ADVISED FONMIN THAT APRIL 8 AND 9 IN WASHINGTON WERE ACCEPTABLE DATES FOR RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT HE WILL BE RECEIVED BY ACTING SECRETARY. HE WAS DISAPPOINTED IN NOT HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SECRETARY KISSINGER, BUT WAS PLEASED OVER OUR APPROVAL OF HIS DATES.

2. HE INTENDS TO MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATES AND PLACE OF NEGOTIATIONS TODAY, SOMETIME AFTER 1400 HOURS (1000 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME). THIS EMBASSY WILL TELEPHONE NICK ANDREWS (EUR/NE) WHEN IT IS DONE.

3. I HAVE MEETING WITH FONMIN AFTERNOON OF APRIL 1ST TO DISCUSS SCENARIO, ETC., OF NEGOTIATIONS. HE THEN DEPARTS FOR COPENHAGEN. I SHALL MAKE PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON APRIL 4TH, BUT LOFT-LEIDIR'S RECORD OF IGNORING SCHEDULES PROBABLY MEANS ABOUT NOONTIME.

4. RE SECOND PARA REFTTEL, I AM SURE AGUSTSSON WOULD BE WILLING TO STAY TO APRIL 10 IF MEETING WITH SECRETARY CAN BE ARRANGED. I CANNOT OVEREMPHASIZE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF SUCH A MEETING FROM POINT OF VIEW OF IDF

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